



2024 COACHES MEETING

APRIL 21ST, 2024

U13 – U19 RECREATION

CATEGORY



# INTRODUCTIONS

President: Shelby Spencer

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Scheduler: Leeam Freadrich

Secretary: Katherine Sammer

# AGENDA



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# OBJECTIVES OF GEMSA LEAGUE PLAY

- Creating a fun and safe environment for youth to learn softball
- Developing sportsmanship, teamwork and a sense of fair play
- Increasing skill and understanding of the game of softball
- To Focus on the core skill Development and fundamentals of Softball



# COACHES – DO'S

- READ THE HAND BOOK
  - ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO READ THE HANDBOOK
- PLAYER ENCOURAGEMENT AND FAIR PLAY
- MAINTAIN CONTROL
  - Emotions
  - Fans/Spectators
  - Parents



# COACHES – DON'T

- MISTREAT UMPIRES
- RAISE VOICE IN ANGER
- FORGET THAT POSITIVE ENCOURAGEMENT AND FAIR TEAM PLAY MAKES IT FUN FOR ALL PLAYERS



# RESPECT IN SPORT

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

THIS IS A **GAME**  
COACHES ARE **VOLUNTEERS**  
UMPIRES ARE **HUMAN**

EVERYONE DESERVES  
**RESPECT!**



- Coaches are required by GEMSA and Softball Alberta to have the Respect In Sport for Activity Leaders



# THE BASICS – PART 1

- GAME NIGHTS
  - Monday – Wednesday – U13 - U17 - U19
  - Tuesday – Thursday – U15
  - 2 games each week
  - Game Start time 7:00 PM
- TEAM SIZE
  - Minimum of 8 to start
  - All Players are to bat in order
- GAME PLAY
  - Maximum 7 innings
  - 5 Runs per inning





# THE BASICS – PART 2

- DIAMOND
  - Bases –
    - U13 – 55”
    - U15 – U19 – 60”
  - Pitching –
    - U13 – 38”
    - U15 – 40”
    - U17 & U19 – 43”



# THE BASICS – PART 3

- BALL –
  - U13 - 11”
  - U15 – U19 – 12”
- EQUIPMENT
  - Caged Helmet
  - Infielders Mask
  - NO Metal Cleats U13 – U15
  - Metal Cleats allowed U17 – U19



# WHAT TO EXPECT ON GAME DAY

- First Team to arrive has choice of dugout
- Check the field – Safety First
- Home team is responsible for diamond set up
  - Home team will be identified on the schedule.
- Line-up cards must be completed



# RULES – HIGHLIGHTS

- RULES IN EFFECT – U15 and Up Only
  - Third Strike Rule
  - Infield Fly Rule
- PITCHERS
  - MAXimum 4 innings per game for U13 – U15
  - U17 – U19 unlimited



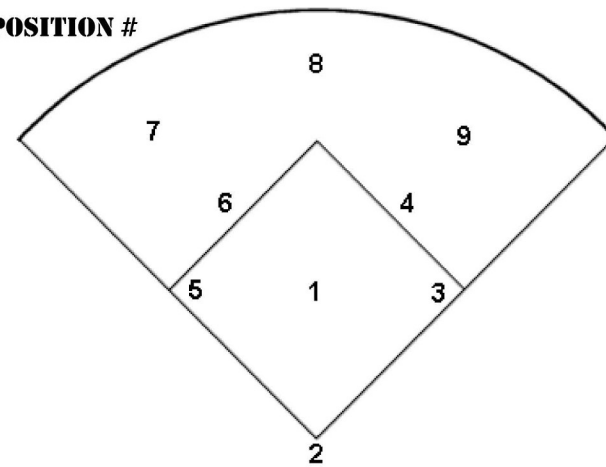
# SCORE SHEET CHEAT SHEET

## SCOREKEEPING CHEAT SHEET



### LIST OF POSITIONS AND POSITION #

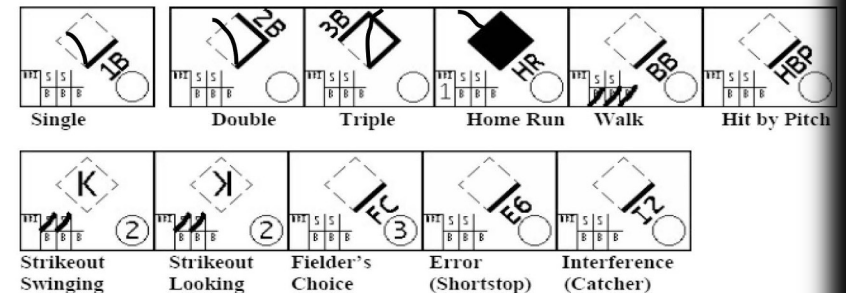
1	Pitcher (P)
2	Catcher (C)
3	First base (1B)
4	Second Base (2B)
5	Third Base (3B)
6	ShortStop (SS)
7	Left Field (LF)
8	Center Field (CF)
9	Right Field (RF)



#	Player	Pos	1
9	Smith, J.	8	<input type="checkbox"/>
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29	Lawson, A.	4	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sub	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Henry, D.	2	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sub	<input type="checkbox"/>
33	Jones, T.	9	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Sub	<input type="checkbox"/>

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1B Single            | B Balk                    |
| 2B Double            | PB Passed Ball            |
| 3B Triple            | WP Wild Pitch             |
| HR Home Run          | GRD Ground Rule Double    |
| K Strikeout Swinging | DP Double Play            |
| X Strikeout Looking  | FC Fielder's Choice       |
| BB Base on Balls     | IFR Infield Fly Rule      |
| IBB Intentional Walk | I Interference            |
| HBP Hit By Pitch     | DI Defensive Indifference |
| SB Stolen Base       | ! Great Play              |
| CS Caught Stealing   | E Error                   |

The Basic plays that occur in Softball are scored as follows;



Often, on a base hit, a scorekeeper will also draw a line to show where the ball was hit

# UMPIRES

## **WILL Be respected at all times**

- Umpire present – NO Pay at Plate
- No Umpire present...
  - Expectations
- Teams will provide a parent umpire –
  - Home teams to Provide plate umpire/Away team Base umpire
  - IF Switching each half inning (Home team umpire when their team is in the field/Visiting team while at bat)



# YELLOW CARD

- **Yellow Card**

- **Why a yellow card program**

- **As we have an issue with recruiting and retaining officials, it is important to protect, encourage and respect them.**
    - **These officials in most cases are young officials and are still learning the game, no different then your players. We need to be able to give these officials a mechanism that they can use with confidence and be respected.**



# YELLOW CARD

- **What Happens if a Yellow Card is Presented.**
- **Please give the umpire some space and respect to gather their thoughts and composure. Don't keep on approaching them. If your fans are being unruly, yellow card can be presented**





# ARE WE PLAYING?

- Diamonds
  - Games are on, unless diamonds are closed by city/county.
  - Check rainout websites
- Air Quality – Rain outs – too cold – too hot
  - Games are on, unless you have received a notification from GEMSA thru RAMP
- ANY information we have will be sent to coaches thru RAMP



# RESCHEDULING

- Diamonds
  - Book your own
- Umpire
  - contact GEMSA (min 48 hr notice)
- Games cancelled due to Weather/Air quality if not made up will be considered a tie
- Games cancelled for any other reason will be considered a forfeit



# WHAT ARE OUR STANDINGS?

- Scores are to be entered in RAMP
- League Standings will then calculate



# 2024 FINALS

- Location – Leduc, Alberta
- Diamonds –
  - LEDE 1-7, ELKS 1-2, AILEEN FALHER 1-2,
  - We are working on additional diamonds
- Playoffs MAY start on Thursday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.



# WHO DO I CONTACT?

- Book Umpires
  - [treasurer@gemsa.ca](mailto:treasurer@gemsa.ca) & [scheduler@gemsa.ca](mailto:scheduler@gemsa.ca)
- Umpire Concern
  - [commissioner@gemsa.ca](mailto:commissioner@gemsa.ca) & [admin@gemsa.ca](mailto:admin@gemsa.ca)
- Game Concern
  - [commissioner@gemsa.ca](mailto:commissioner@gemsa.ca) & [admin@gemsa.ca](mailto:admin@gemsa.ca)
- General questions
  - [admin@gemsa.ca](mailto:admin@gemsa.ca)
- I can't Make the Finals
  - [registrar@gemsa.ca](mailto:registrar@gemsa.ca) & [admin@gemsa.ca](mailto:admin@gemsa.ca)



# OTHER INFO

- Schedules
  - Will be posted on- line - Coaches will receive an email Notification
  - Ensure you are notified by updating your contact information in RAMP
- RAMP
  - UPDATE Coach/Contact Information



Questions?

